

Department of English

BA (Hons.) English

Category I

[UG Programme for Bachelor in English (Honours) degree in three years]

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1) – : Introduction to Literary Studies

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 1: Introduction to Literary Studies	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of the domain of literature, its genres, methods of critique and its distinctive ability to influence and project social and cultural change.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to grasp a basic sense of literature as a discipline of thought and application.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

UNIT I: Reading the Novel

1. Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*
2. Prince, Gerald J. *Narratology: Form and Function of Narrative*. NY: Mouton Publishers, 1982. pp 7 – 16 & pp 103 – 105

3. Kaul, A.N. 'A New Province of Writing,' *The Domain of the Novel: Reflections on Some Historical Definitions*. Routledge, 2021. pp 20-36

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

UNIT II: Reading Poetry

1. John Milton: 'On His Blindness'
2. William Wordsworth: 'Composed Upon Westminster Bridge'
3. Emily Dickinson: '341 After Great Pain'
4. Rabindranath Tagore: 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'
5. Ferguson, Margaret, Mary Jo Salter and Jon Stallworthy, 'Versification and Poetic Syntax', *The Norton Anthology of Poetry, 5th edition*. NY and London: W.W. Norton & Company, 2005. pp 2021 – 2065

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

UNIT III: Reading Drama

1. Mahesh Dattani: *Tara*
2. Watson, G.J. 'The Nature of Drama', *Drama: An Introduction* (London: Macmillan, 1983)
3. Tanvir, Habib. *It Must Flow: A Life in Theatre*
<http://www.seagullindia.com/stq/pdf/STQ%20Issue%2010.pdf>
4. Day, Gary. 'Introduction', *Class*. UK: Routledge, 2001. pp 1 – 18

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Hudson, William Henry. *An Introduction to the Study of Literature*. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers and distributors 1998, 2006.
2. Booth, Wayne C. *The Rhetoric of Fiction*. University of Chicago Press, 1983.
3. King, Bruce. 'Introduction', *Modern Indian Poetry in English*. New Delhi: OUP, 2nd edn. 2005.
4. Dharwadker, A.B. *Theatres of Independence: Drama, theory and urban performance in India since 1947*. University of Iowa Press, 2009

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 2 (DSC-2): European Classical Literature

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 2- European Classical Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

Learning Objectives:

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a basic understanding of the mode of thought and understanding in classical Europe and contextualize the western classical texts within literary studies in a scholarly manner.

Learning outcomes:

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to gain an understanding of the classical, that is valuable in itself and as a frame of reference for subsequent periods of literary studies

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 2

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

- Homer: *The Odyssey*

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

- Aristotle: *Poetics*
- Sophocles: *Antigone*

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

- Aristophanes: *Lysistrata*

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings (if any):

1. Plato, 'Book X', *The Republic*. tr. Desmond Lee, London: Penguin, 2007.
2. Horace, 'Ars Poetica', *Horace: Satires, Epistles and Ars Poetica*. tr. H. Rushton Fairclough, Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2005.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE– 3 (DSC-3): Indian Classical Literature

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Indian Classical Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of Indian classical literary tradition.
- To introduce students to a rich and diverse literature from two classical languages of India, Sanskrit and Tamil.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to gain knowledge of the aesthetic and cultural values that serve as the groundwork for later developments in Indian philosophical and social change.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-3

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. Vyasa. Selections from *The Mahabharata*, from *The Mahabharata of Krishna-Dwaipayana Vyasa*, trans. K. M. Ganguli (Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 2012).

- a) 'The Dicing' and 'Sequel to Dicing', Book 2, Sabha Parva Section XLVI-LXXII
- b) 'The Temptation of Karna', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section CXL-CXLVI.
- c) 'Krishna's Peace Proposal', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section LXXXIX-CXXXI

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. Kalidasa. *Abhijnanasakuntalam*, trans. Chandra Rajan, in *Kalidasa: The Loom of Time*. Penguin Classics, 1989, reprint 2000.

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. Ilango Atikal. 'The Book of Vanci', *Cilappatikaram*. trans. R. Parthasarathy (Columbia University Press, 1993; Penguin Books India, 2004).

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Bharata Muni. Selections from *Natyasastra*. (i) Chapter 6, 'The Sentiments'; (ii) Chapter 20, 'Ten Kinds of Play'; (iii) Chapter 35, 'Characteristics of the Jester', trans. Manomohan Ghosh, Calcutta: Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1951. pp105-17; 355-74; 548-50
2. Osho. Selections from *Krishna: The Man and His Philosophy*. (i) Krishna is Complete and Whole (ii) Draupadi: A Rare Woman (iii) Action, Inaction and Non-Action (iv) Rituals, Fire and Knowledge, Delhi: Jaico Publishing House, 1991.
3. Kapoor, Kapil. *Indian Knowledge System Vol. 1*. New Delhi: D.K. Printworld Pvt. Ltd., 2005. pp 1-31
4. Gerow, Edwin, et al. 'Indian Poetics', *The Literatures of India: An Introduction*. ed. Edward. C. Dimock et al, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974. pp 115-143
5. Venkatachalapathy, R. 'Introduction', *Love Stands Alone: Selections from Tamil Sangam Poetry*. Delhi: Penguin Classics, 2013. pp XIII-XLI; 25; 45; 70; 186

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